

**Borough Bulletin:
Flushable Wipes 2**

The current COVID-19 pandemic is impacting many areas of daily living. While some aspects of the pandemic remain uncertain, the Borough of Greencastle would like to remind residents of certain impacts that can have long lasting affects to our infrastructure. Particularly, the safe management of waste water.

Sanitation doesn't end with good handwashing. With increased interest in the availability of products like toilet tissue, some consumers have turned to flushable wipes, paper towels and tissues as an alternative. Do not be misled; these items are not the same. Only toilet tissue should be flushed into the Borough's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) system.

Despite claims to the contrary, flushable wipes, paper towels or tissues are not the same as toilet tissue. These products wreak havoc on WWTP systems causing back-ups, clogs and other potentially costly damage that can have impacts Borough-wide. The materials in toilet-tissue-alternatives do not break down like toilet tissue and should not be flushed into the treatment process.

In these uncertain times, we must continue to follow those practices that ensure the highest level of safety for our community. Please do not flush unwanted and potentially harmful materials into the waste treatment system or you could be sending trouble down the drain.

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